

TRIBUTE TO TOM SHARP

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2003

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Tom Sharp, a helicopter pilot from Telluride, Colorado and thank him for the contributions he has made to local search and rescue efforts. Tom recently risked his life and his helicopter to save two avalanche victims trapped on a steep slope near Telluride Ski Area, and today I would like to honor his service before this body of Congress and this nation.

Tom has been a pilot with Helitrax, a heliski guide service, for over twelve years. When he was called to assist in the rescue of two skiers caught in an avalanche, he immediately responded along with two Helitrax guides, braving a dangerous landing near one of the injured skiers before picking up more rescuers and dropping off more medical supplies. Then Tom made a daring attempt to reach the other skier, flying close to dangerous jagged rock in spite of unpredictable afternoon winds. Though he was unsuccessful, Tom and his fellow rescuers dropped supplies to the stranded skier that allowed him to climb out of the couloir and communicate with rescuers.

Mr. Speaker, pilots with the expertise and skill of Tom Sharp are crucial to successful search and rescue operations, and it is a great privilege to honor Tom here today. His years of experience and his willingness to take risks are a tremendous asset to the citizens of Telluride and to all of Colorado.

TRIBUTE TO MR. MISHLER

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2003

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, on May 4, 2003 the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, in conjunction with the Altoona Area School District and the Blair County Arts Foundation, will be dedicating a long-deserved historical marker commemorating Isaac Charles Mishler, the original owner of the Mishler Theater, located in downtown Altoona, Pennsylvania.

I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Mishler for his vision of bringing the arts to his fellow citizens. The theater and the community's dedication to the arts have stood the test of time. Indeed, since its opening in 1906, the Mishler Theater has hosted the cream of the entertainment crop for almost 100 years.

The hallowed halls of the Mishler have seen the likes of John Drew, the Barrymores, Houdini, the Zeigfeld Folies, Bernadette Peters and George Burns. With over \$1.3 million in improvements over the years, the Mishler continues to provide the community with top-notch entertainment today.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to have had the opportunity today to recognize the efforts of the Altoona community and the numerous organizations that have worked together to preserve the Mishler Theater. Their efforts are a fitting tribute to Isaac Mishler's vision of a theater that serves as a center of arts and entertainment for the entire community.

TRIBUTE TO REV. HOLMES
ROLSTON III**HON. SCOTT MCINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2003

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to inform this body of a brilliant man from my home state.

The Reverend Holmes Rolston III, a philosophy professor at Colorado State University, is the winner of this year's Templeton Prize. The award recognizes research and discoveries that advances the understanding of God and spiritual realities. In winning this prestigious award, Reverend Rolston joins such luminaries as Mother Teresa, Billy Graham, and Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn.

Holmes grew up poor in rural Virginia in a home without running water or electricity. From that humble beginning, he rose to become what many consider the father of environmental ethics. Along the way he has lectured on all seven continents, written books that are used as texts at more than 150 universities, and co-founded the leading journal in his field, "Environmental Ethics."

Even though he has degrees in physics, theology, and philosophy, he still—at the age of 70—sits in on science classes. Learning is so important to this professor that he plans to donate his prize, which is worth more than \$1 million, to establish an endowed chair in science and religion at his alma mater.

Mr. Speaker, Reverend Holmes has distinguished himself as a professor, theologian, ethicist, environmentalist and philanthropist. He is not only a model citizen, but also an inspiration to his students, peers, and the community. It is an honor and a privilege to inform this body of his achievements. Congratulations on winning the Templeton Prize, Reverend Holmes, and best of luck with your future endeavors.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 1559,
EMERGENCY WARTIME SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT,
2003

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, April 12, 2003

Ms. JACKSON-LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1559, the Emergency Wartime Supplemental bill. I support this bill to honor our troops and provide relief to Americans suffering through these difficult economic times.

In this time of war and economic crisis, we do not need massive tax cuts. I applaud my Democratic colleagues on the Appropriations Committee for their tireless efforts to reach a Budget Resolution that achieves mutual reconciliation, supports our military, and helps to stabilize the economy in this time of economic crisis. We need mutual reconciliation right now, not disagreement.

I applaud the supplemental funds allocated for homeland security. I applaud the 26-week provision designed to help provide relief to the unemployed. Since the tragic events of September 11, 2001, I have fought on this floor for

the employees of the airline industry. I believe this bill goes a long way to providing the employees of the airline industry economic relief.

My Democratic colleagues on Appropriations did a wonderful job reducing many of the Administration's inflated fund requests. We lowered the President's request for a "flexibility fund" from \$59.9 billion to \$15.7 billion. We reduced the alien nations fund from \$50 million to \$25 million. These fund reductions, and the many others included in the supplemental will provide relief to every American.

The original emergency supplemental was illogical legislation. Never before have I seen such an outrageous departure from established Congressional procedure. The Senate approved an emergency supplemental bill for \$350 billion. Instead of following the wisdom of the Senate, the House proposes an emergency supplemental bill for \$550 billion. Never before have I seen Congress make such a frivolous budget decision.

I congratulate the hard work of the Appropriators. However, I would have preferred to see funds, such as a portion of the \$2.4 billion used for the reconstruction of Iraq, used to help domestically. I would like to see funds allocated to reach out to our small and minority-owned businesses, and not to large conglomerates and multi-national corporations.

I am on my way to visit Tommy Franks, and the many brilliant military strategists at Central Command. Plus, I recently visited several of the valiant soldiers who suffered injuries fighting in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Having met these brave young men, I know how much their sacrifice means to America.

I support H.R. 1559 to support our troops and to support the U.S. Economy.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2003

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall vote Nos. 146, 147, and 148, I was unavoidably detained with important matters in my district.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote 146, Congratulating Charter Schools Across the United States, "yea" on rollcall vote 147, Extending Congratulations to the United States Capitol Police on the Occasion of its 175th Anniversary, and "yea" on rollcall vote 148, Expressing Support for the Celebration of Patriots' Day and Honoring the Nation's First Patriots.

COMMENDING	ARMY	RESERVE
SPECIALIST	ROY	RUSSELL
BUCKLEY		

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKEY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2003

Mr. VISCLOSKEY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and respect that I wish to commend Army Reserve Specialist Roy Russell Buckley for his bravery in the field of battle and his willingness to fight for his country. Specialist Buckley lost his life on Wednesday, April 23, 2003 in Baghdad, Iraq while transporting fuel trucks for the 685th Transportation

Company, part of the United States Army's 3rd Infantry Division. His sacrifice will be remembered at funeral services on Saturday, May 3, 2003 by a community that has been struck hard by the devastating loss of one of its own.

A native of Merrillville, IN, Specialist Buckley graduated from Merrillville High School in 1996. He was a gifted athlete, with an orange belt in karate and possessed the strength to lift over 950 pounds. After graduating from high school, Specialist Buckley decided to join the Army Reserves with the hope that it would assist him financially with college, help him learn a trade, and allow him to find himself through the discipline and order that it provides.

It came as no surprise to those who knew Specialist Buckley that he would serve his country. A true patriot, his love for his country was evident from the time that he was a child. He collected items with patriotic themes, and his bedroom remains adorned with symbols of his patriotism. A poster of the Declaration of Independence hangs above his bed, and an "Army of One" poster hangs by the door. He once hung an American flag next to a bright light in his bedroom because he wanted to see the flag glow, and now a flag serves as the curtain for his window. Specialist Buckley felt tremendous pride for his country, and he was willing to endanger his own life to protect the lives of his fellow citizens. His courage and heroism will always be remembered, and his sacrifice will forever live in the hearts and minds of those for whom he battled.

Mr. Speaker, Specialist Buckley, along with 160 other local reservists with the 685th Transportation Company, left for Fort Campbell, KY on January 24, 2003 after being called into active duty. His unit was deployed to Kuwait in February, and was instrumental in the battle to liberate the Iraqi people. Specialist Buckley was riding in a large fuel truck when an accident occurred and he was thrown from the vehicle. He gave his life so that the freedoms and values that he treasured could be enjoyed by those around the world.

Although he loved his unit and his country, Specialist Buckley treasured his family above all else. He is survived by his mother, Janie Espinoza, his stepfather, Phillip Espinoza, his four siblings, his fiancée, Jenina Bellina, and his 6-year-old daughter, Alicia Faith Buckley. Jenina is stationed in Iraq with the same reservist unit for which her fiancée gave his life. These individuals were the heroes to a man that we will forever call a hero, and we should honor them in this tumultuous moment as well.

Mr. Speaker, at this time I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring a fallen hero, U.S. Army Reserve Specialist Roy Russell Buckley. Specialist Buckley is the third resident of Northwest Indiana to sacrifice his life during Operation Iraqi Freedom, and his passing comes as a difficult setback to a community already shaken by the realities of war. Specialist Buckley will forever remain a hero in the eyes of his family, his community, and his country; thus, let us never forget the sacrifice he made to preserve the ideals of freedom and democracy.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
JOSEPH J. GOLUBSKI

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2003

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Joseph J. Golubski—beloved family man, community leader, and friend and mentor to many.

Mr. Golubski graduated from South High School in 1946. He earned a Bachelor's degree from John Carroll University, and a law degree from John Marshall College. In 1950, he married Rita D. Krynski. Together they raised seven children. In 1952 Mr. Golubski became a licensed funeral director, continuing the family business that his father established in 1913. With a keen intellect and high energy for learning, Mr. Golubski became a licensed attorney in 1953.

Despite his exceptional scholastic and business achievements, Mr. Golubski's foremost priorities were his family and native community—the Slavic Village neighborhood. His family, community, faith and heritage were central within his life. Mr. Golubski was very active in and supportive of the community along Fleet Avenue. He supported many projects at several area churches, including St. Stanislaus, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, St. Hyacinth Church, Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, and the former Transfiguration Church. Additionally, Mr. Golubski was an active member of the St. Stan's Dad's Club, Knights of Columbus South East Council, Cleveland Society of Poles, Slavic Village Merchant's Guild, and the National Funeral Director's Association, among many others.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Joseph J. Golubski, beloved husband of Rita; beloved father of Linda, Joseph E., Robert, Nancy, Steven, Cheryl, and Pamela; and adoring grandfather of Stephanie, Denise, Rita, Anne, Matthew, Adam, Martha and Joseph. Mr. Golubski's joyous life was defined by his deep dedication to family and friends, and his exceptional service to his community. His strong spirit, integrity, energy and good works have served to uplift the lives of countless individuals, families—and the entire Cleveland community.

IN HONOR OF SISTER ROSE
THERING

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2003

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sister Rose Thering for her dedication to promoting religious understanding and providing educational opportunities for her community. Sister Thering was the keynote speaker at the annual Holocaust Remembrance Day Observance on April 29, 2003 at the Bayonne City Council Chambers.

Professor Emerita at Seton Hall University, Sister Thering has been an active writer, speaker, and lecturer on Judeo-Christian and Holocaust studies for over 30 years. Sister Thering has organized and directed the annual

Seton Hall University Study Tour to Israel since 1972, and has traveled to Israel on over 50 occasions during her tenure at Seton Hall. As an active member of a number of academic, religious, and community organizations, she continues to be a strong advocate for building relations between Jews and Christians.

Sister Thering currently serves on the Newark Archdiocesan Commission for Interreligious Affairs and is executive director of the National Christian Leadership. She was appointed to the Board of Trustees of Kean University in 1994 and has been a member of the New Jersey Commission for Holocaust Education since 1980. She also served on the U.S. Bishops' Advisory Committee to the Secretariat for Catholic-Jewish Relations for 20 years. At Seton Hall University, she continues to improve the Endowment Fund established in her honor, which provides scholarship assistance to school teachers furthering their education in Holocaust studies.

Sister Thering is a life member of Hadasah, the National Council of Jewish Women, and the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society. As a leader and educator on an issue as important as the Holocaust, I want to praise her for decades of tireless determination and dedicated work. She has touched so many lives by reminding us of the unspeakable horrors of the Holocaust during human kind's darkest hour.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Sister Rose Thering for her commitment to pursuing religious understanding and for her desire to educate and serve members of our community.

RECOGNIZING BONNIE JEAN LONG
FOR HER OUTSTANDING SERVICE
TO THE PEOPLE OF ST. HELENA,
CALIFORNIA AT THE TIME OF
HER RETIREMENT AS CITY MAN-
AGER

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2003

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished service of Bonnie Jean Long, the city manager of St. Helena, California. Her outstanding leadership and commitment to community service has significantly benefited the people of St. Helena and she will be sorely missed upon her retirement.

When looking to hire the first-ever city manager in St. Helena, our community would have had a truly difficult task trying to find someone more qualified than Bonnie. Prior to taking office, Bonnie served as the Cotati, California city manager. Adding to her preparation were the years she spent as the assistant city manager for the cities of Davis and Modesto, California.

Mrs. Long's expertise is matched only by her dedication to improving her community and her tremendous work ethic. As city manager, she has worked tirelessly to manage St. Helena's budgets, to maximize our resources and to handle the needs of our growing population. Somehow she has managed to make this difficult task look easy.

While serving our community as city manager, Bonnie has found additional ways to get